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TAGS: SREF AO PO US

SUBJ: MPLA ASSERTION OF CONTROL OF LUANDA'S AIR TRAFFIC

**REF: STATE 246356** 

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS REFTEL PARA 3 ON OCTOBER 17
CONGEN OFF ROGERS ASKED HIGH COMMISSIONER ABOUT THE FAPLA (MPAL)
"ASSERTION OF CONTROL" OVER ANGOLAN AIR SPACE AND TRAFFIC. THE
HIGH COMMISSIONER SAID "DON'T PAY ANY ATTENTION TO THAT". HE SAID
HE HAS INSISTED THAT MPLA/FAPLA IMMEDIATELY BROADCAST OVER PUBLIC
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TO DISREGARD IT. HE EXPECTS THE WITHDRAWAL STATEMENT TO BE MADE ON

OCTOBER 18. THE PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE PARACHUTE REGIMENT, ABOUT THE ONLY DISCIPLINED "READY" UNIT REMAINING IN ANGOLA, CONTINUES TO PROTECT THE LUANDA AIRPORT.

- 2. THE HIGH COMMISSIONER SAID HE APPRECIATED OUR SPECIAL CONCERN FOR SAFETY OF REFUGEE FLIGHTS AND THE FACT THAT WE WERE DEALING ONLY AND DIRECTLY WITH HIM ON THE MATTER AND NOT WITH THE MPLA IN RECOGNITION OF THE "CONTINUED REALITY OF PORTUGUESE SOVEREIGNTY IN ANGOLA".
- 3. COMMENT: INTERNATIONAL AND REGULAR DOMESTIC AIR SERVICE OPERATORS HERE DID NOT SEEM CONCERNED ABOUT THE "ORDER" WHICH WAS DESIGNED TO CONTROL SMALL AIRCRAFT OPERATION, BUT SOME AIR TAXI PILOTS WERE ANXIOUS.

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